

Press Release

Consulate General of the United States of America Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

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U.S. Consulate in Jeddah Offering Special Summer Visa Hours

Students, tourists, business travelers and others who plan to travel to the United States from Saudi Arabia's Western region are welcome to visit the U.S. Consulate to apply for a non-immigrant visa (NIV). In our effort to help applicants to avoid the summer heat, visitors will be welcomed through the gate individually from 7:00 am to wait inside the U.S. Consulate. Official hours start at 8:00am on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Applicants may enter until maximum capacity has been reached, but no later than 9:30am.

Student applicants are invited to take advantage of special student-only application hours on "Student Sundays," 8:00am to 9:30am every Sunday during June and July.

"Since this is the time of year when many students are preparing to travel to U.S. universities for the fall semester," said Gina Abercrombie-Winstanley, Consul General, "I encourage everyone with plans to travel to the U.S. to apply for visas soon, as the summer rush is upon us. To help us expedite your request, I recommend completing visa application forms in advance from our website at http://evisaforms.state.gov."

Visa application forms must be answered completely, correctly and clearly. More details about visas and specifics for applying in Jeddah are available on the U.S. Consulate website, via e-mail, or by phone:

Website: http://jeddah.usconsulate.gov

E-mail: JeddahVisas@state.gov

Phone: 02.667.0080, ext. 4145 or 4446

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